

her now. Lib has dismissed

Ellen Doyle - Mary says Amelia is talking of going - I believe she is thinking about marrying Joe -

I think you had better "Express" Mr. Wither to his Aunt Mary. She will make him a "Goodel Boy" - Just try her out -

Mart is going to send for Mary B. and you might send the two together - Would n't that be a grand plan? -

Tell Sella the little Perisies & Uncle Horace were skating all yesterday afternoon

Uncle Joe is going to cut the ice tomorrow to put into the Ice House (the first he has cut this winter) so that will put a stop to the skating I guess for this winter.

I fear we will have to depend upon the North for our Ice next summer, and that will make it a very expensive luxury - What is Master Frank about? Tell him we have a very pretty Red Bird in our yard. Almost every morning I hear him singing.

He don't seem to care for the cold weather. I expect it is because he has such a nice, warm, red coat on.

Don't know  
whether the  
nest is  
winter 1862?  
Aunt Mary to mother  
Red Bird

married Edward Featherington, Uncle Horace's son-in-law. They are living in Iowa near Uncle Horace - Her step-son -

Richard Featherington died in camp a short time ago. They all seem to lament his death very much. He was the first wife's child, not Lucy & Howard's. Her husband is first Cornet player in the 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa Reg. Two of Uncle Horace's boys belong to Iowa Reg's one to the 4<sup>th</sup> and the other to the 16<sup>th</sup> -

Aunt Mary Affleck wrote rather a sad letter. She said Howard was in Washington Ohio. along with the 46<sup>th</sup> Reg. He had been to Columbus nearly a week to do some writing for the Company. He was very desirous of obtaining the place of Sergeant Major but had little hopes of it; there being so many applicants. Edward is, or was, in Virginia when she wrote. He went there to get a place, that had been offered



to Howard; <sup>didn't accept it</sup> Howard, preferring to remain where he was. When he arrived, he found the place had been given to some one else - and as he had promised his mother not to enlist - as a "private" - I suppose he will come home - I hope so for Aunt Mary's sake -

Mother says I speak as though ~~claim~~ Pharaoh's only claims to relationship were through Uncle Horatio's cousin Sam, when she is really of ~~more~~ a nearer relation than he is, she being Uncle John Howard's daughter - I had forgotten this, and think it very probable that you have too

Father expects to go to Columbus next week. I think very likely, we will send ~~send~~ a box to Howard Affleck at Washington if Father can carry it to him <sup>and will</sup>

I will send him a cap, and ~~send~~ some cake, biscuit, boil some tongues and send some jelly & marmalade

I think it would gratify Aunt Mary.

Mother, says in answer to your question, about bringing <sup>the</sup> girl home, that she does not know whether Betty will stay with - her after her time is out, Betty says she is going to play with us, and <sup>she</sup> felt very badly when Mother spoke of the time when she was to go home

She asked if Mother was going to send her off. Mother thinks, however, that she will be coaxed to stay, with her friends, at any rate - as long as her money lasts -

Mother says please ask Luther when he is looking at the art-journals to please ~~be sure~~ if he pleases that the plates are all perfect, as we want to have them bound with the rest of ours.

Isn't I pesky?

I feel sorry for Ernestine, and worse for Holida - but I think you have had your share of both with her - Don't be selfish - let some one else try